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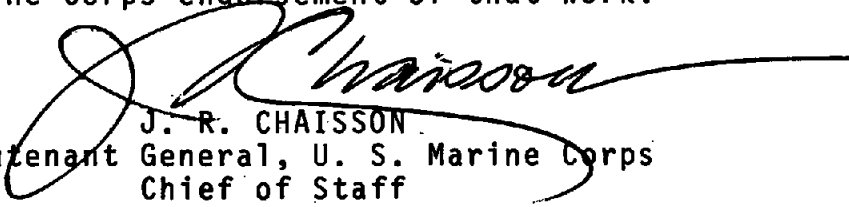
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Preface

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Introduction

The list which follows contains titles of generally available articles and books that are related to naval gunfire support. Inclusion of any given title does not constitute Marine Corps acceptance or endorsement of the author's views, conclusions, or accuracy. The annotation supplied is in the nature of a description of the contents rather than a critical evaluation.

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Cdr V. T. Boatwright, USN. "What the Army Should Know About Naval Gunfire." Combat Forces Journal, v. 2, no. 7 (Feb 52), pp. 30-31.

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A general history of the Navy's part in the Korean War.

MSgt Roger M. Emmons, USMC. "Tarawa Bombardment." Marine Corps Gazette. v. 32, no. 3 (Mar 48), pp. 42-47.

Relates the story of how battleships, cruisers, and destroyers supported Marines at Tarawa with naval gunfire.

James A. Field, Jr. History of United States Naval Operations: Korea. With a foreword by Ernest McEller. Washington: Government Printing Office, 1962. xv, 499 pp. illus., maps. bibliog.

An account of naval operations in Korea based largely on official records of the U.S. Navy. Marine Corps operations mentioned throughout.

Harold D. Fredericks. "Naval Gunfire and the Atom." Marine Corps Gazette, v. 42, no. 9 (Sep 58), pp. 52-57.

Discusses the form that naval gunfire support will take in nuclear war.

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Author contends that air, artillery, and naval gunfire can be made more efficient by coordinating liaison between the supporting arms and the supported infantry group.

Gen Wallace M. Greene, Jr. USMC. "Navy 'Gun Gap' Worries Marines." U. S. Naval Institute Proceedings, v. 90, no. 12, whole no. 742 (Dec 64), Notebook.

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RAdm John D. Hayes, USN (Ret). "Sea Power, July 1966-June 1967: A Commentary." Naval Review (1968), p. 293.

Contains brief summary of reasons for bringing back battleships to support troops in the Republic of Vietnam.

Col Robert D. Heinl, Jr., USMC. "The Gun Gap and How to Close it." U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings, v. 91, no. 9, whole no. 751 (Sep 65-), pp. 26-36.

The author gives his solutions to the problem: halt all decommissionings which reduce number of guns, re-commission additional conventional heavy cruisers, raise a battleship to readiness, invigorate research, etc.

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LtCol Robert D. Heinl, Jr., USMC. "Naval Gunfire Training in the Pacific," Marine Corps Gazette, v. 32, no. 6 (Jun 48), pp. 10-15.

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LtCol Robert D. Heinl, Jr., USMC. "The Most Shot-At Island In the Pacific," U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings, v. 73, no. 4, whole no. 530 (Apr 47), pp. 397-399.

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LtCol Robert D. Heinl, Jr., USMC. "Naval Gunfire: Scourge of the Beaches," U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings, v. 71, no. 11, whole no. 513 (Nov 45), pp. 1309-1313.

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